GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TRADE RELATIONS WITH ALGERIA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have established bilateral ties with Algeria;

(b) If so, the areas in which trade relation has been established between the two countries;

(c) Whether any fresh agreement has been signed between two countries recently;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) The details of proposals mooted for the establishment of trade between India and Algeria in 2001-2002?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) & (b): India already has well established bilateral ties with Algeria. The Indo-Algerian trade has registered a growth of more than 128% during last five years and is presently over US$ 25 million. The prominent items exported from India to Algeria include Coffee, Machinery and Instruments, Textiles and Garments and Handicrafts. Indian imports from Algeria are mainly the Non-ferrous metals, Transport equipments, iron & steel, organic chemicals and inorganic chemicals.

(c) & (d): A number of agreements have been signed recently by India and Algeria in the fields of Air Services, Avoidance of Double Taxation and Prevention of Fiscal Evasion, Phyto-Sanitary Control and Veterinary Sanitary regulations. All these agreements provide for facilitating greater bilateral economic interaction and increasing the bilateral trade.

(e): A large number of areas have been identified and important decisions taken for cooperation during the last meeting of Indo-Algerian Joint Commission held in Algiers in June, 2000 and during recent visit of Algerian President to India in January, 2001. Necessary follow-up action is being taken on these decisions to further strengthen Indo-Algerian trade and economic relations.